GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Allegation of Possession of disproportionate assets to his known sources of income against Sri Avineni Prasad, Municipal Commissioner, Naidupeta Municipality, SPSR Nellore District - Departmental Proceedings initiated under Rule-20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges framed - Enquiry conducted - Charges held proved - Imposing a penalty of withholding of "One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" - Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.74 **Dated:18.02.2022.**

Read the following:

1) Final report from the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada, Letter RC.No.138/RCA-NNL/2017, dated.25.06.2018.
2) G.O.Rt.No.25, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.11.01.2019.
3) Written Statement of Defence of Sri A.Prasad, the then Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality, Nellore & present TPRO., O/o. Commissioner, Nellore Municipal Corporation, dated.07.11.2019.
4) G.O.Rt.No.778, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.30.12.2019.
5) G.O.Rt.No.137, MA&UD (Vig.II) Department, dated.19.02.2019.
6) Inquiry Report from Sri K.Venkateswarlu, Additional Director & Inquiry Officer, GVWV & VSWS Dept., Vijayawada, Letter Roc.No.1432/2020 of RDMA, Guntur, dated.28.09.2020.
7) Govt.Memo.No.786606/Vig.I/2017, dated.06.04.2021.
8) Written Representation of Sri A.Prasad, the then Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality, SPSR Nellore District, dated.19.07.2021.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada that, Sri Avineni Prasad, Municipal Commissioner, Naidupeta Municipality, SPSR Nellore District acquired and possessed assets disproportionate to the known sources of his legal income, a case in Cr.No.11/RCA-ACB-NLR/2017 u/s 13(2) r/w 13(1) (e) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered on 15.09.2017 against him and investigated into. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that, the allegations of possession of disproportionate assets are not substantiated and recommended to initiate departmental action for violation of Rules-9 (1), 9 (2), 9 (7) and 10 (1) & 6-A of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government initiated departmental action duly framing articles of charges against Sri Avineni Prasad, the then Municipal Commissioner, Naidupeta Municipality, SPSR Nellore District and directed to submit his written statement of defence thereon.

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3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer Sri Avineni Prasad submitted charge wise written statement of defence, duly denying the charges framed against him and prayed to exonerate him from all the charges. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence, Govt. appointed Sri K.Venkateswarlu, Vice Chairman, Eluru Urban Development Authority, West Godavari District as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri A.Prasad, the then Municipal Commissioner, Naidupeta vide reference 4th read above. Sri B.Ramesh Babu, Inspector, ACB, Nellore was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the disciplinary authority vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, Sri K.Venkateswarlu, Additional Director & Inquiry Officer, GVWV & VSWS Dept., Vijayawada has submitted inquiry report against Sri Avineni Prasad, former Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality and reported that, the charges against the A.O. Sri Avineni Prasad are held proved / partly proved / not proved and finally requested to take further action in the matter.

5. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of inquiry report has been communicated to Sri Avineni Prasad, former Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality for offering his written representation in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. In reply, the charged officer in his written representation has submitted detailed representation and among other things, requested to exonerate him from the Articles of Charges, duly considering all contentions mentioned in his representation vide reference 8th read above.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter, keeping in view of the findings of the inquiry report of the inquiry officer and written representation of the charged officer, it has been decided to impose a penalty of withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri Avineni Prasad, former Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality, since the charges are proved / partly proved.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri Avineni Prasad, former Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality, SPSR Nellore District, in terms of Rule-9 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

9. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Avineni Prasad, former Municipal Commissioner, Naidupeta Municipality,
SPSR Nellore District - **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.

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The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Municipal Commissioner, Naidupet Municipality, SPSR Nellore District.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.